

White Pine Youth Center, Inc.
1786 Great Basin Blvd.
Ely, Nevada 89301

November 28, 2022

Ely City Council
499 Mill Street
Ely, Nevada 89301

Dear Council Members,

White Pine Youth Center, Inc., of Ely, Nevada, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation whose purpose is to initiate or contribute to projects in White Pine County that directly or indirectly benefit our youth.

The Center is actively engaged in the development of temporary safe housing in Ely to be used by victims of domestic violence and their children, a parent with a child or children who are victims of abuse and neglect, and persons with substance use disorders and their children. Many victims of domestic violence, persons with substance use disorders, and parents who have children abused by others have no safe place to reside pending relocation into permanent housing. Without temporary safe housing these individuals and their children are at risk for further violence or exposure to individuals who are involved in illegal drugs. The Center's plan is to locate two tiny homes on Center owned land adjacent to the Seventh Judicial District Court's substance use disorder treatment building.

The current cost for the homes and related construction set-up is approximately \$200,000.00. After completion, the homes will be leased to White Pine County who will assist the Center with ongoing maintenance and repairs. The goal is to complete the purchase of the homes by March 1, 2023, with a scheduled May/June, 2023, installation.

This project is supported by White Pine County Victim's Witness Program, the State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services and the Seventh Judicial District Drug Court Program, (see attached letters).

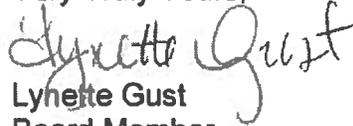
The project has already received funding from B.J. Almberg's tremendous efforts in the 960 mile endurance bicycle race held in June, 2021, where over \$14,000.00 dollars was raised and a \$1,000.00 donation from the Ely Elks Lodge.

Every contribution is appreciated. We ask that you consider a monetary donation towards the project. Based on the need in our community for safe temporary housing in times of crisis we hope you will consider supporting this needed project.

I am looking forward to making a presentation to the Ely City Council concerning this request. Should you require any further information or desire to meet with me regarding this project please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your consideration and support of this critical community project.

Very Truly Yours,

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Lynette Gust
Board Member

White Pine Youth Center, Inc.



SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

DEPARTMENT 2

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GARY D. FAIRMAN
DISTRICT JUDGE

WHITE PINE,
EUREKA, AND LINCOLN COUNTIES
STATE OF NEVADA

November 28, 2022

Ely City Council
499 Mill Street
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Re: Temporary Safe Housing Project

Dear Council Members,

The Seventh Judicial District Court regularly has cases involving children who are victims of abuse and neglect where their parent has no temporary safe housing, and cases involving parents of children who have substance use disorders, but no temporary safe housing. Although the District Court does not hear most domestic violence cases, except felony cases, the court is aware of the many domestic violence cases in the Ely Justice Court and Ely Municipal Court. At a time of crisis, having temporary safe housing is vital for the children and parent to be able to minimize the risk of further violence or exposure to others involved in illegal drugs.

The District Court strongly supports the White Pine Youth Center's safe housing project. The proposed location of the two tiny homes adjacent to the Drug Court Treatment building is ideal for this project.

Please contact me for any questions or concerns regarding the District Court's support for this vital community project.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gary D. Fairman", is written over the typed name.

Gary D. Fairman
District Court Judge
Dept. II

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Certified Substance Abuse Counselor
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November 30, 2022

To whom it may concern,

For several years now there has been discussion about the housing shortage in White Pine County. There are little to no options for those that need emergency housing. I have worked with the Seventh Judicial District Drug Court for fifteen years and during that time we have had continued struggles with safe housing. We have had to reach out to community stakeholders and businesses to seek assistance with securing a night stay at local hotels. We have even had client's sleep in tents and nonfunctioning camp trailers. While we encourage our clients to apply for subsidized housing the waitlist is typically several months.

In 2017 HHS declared the United States to be in an opioid epidemic and White Pine County did not escape the national problem. We are lucky enough to have a program in Ely that can assist people in making changes to their lifestyle however it is very difficult to concentrate on therapy when you do not have basic housing. I believe that we can increase our successes if people are given temporary housing while setting goals to secure employment and seek other alternatives for housing. This is a community problem and as a community I know that we can help those in White Pine County that need a starting foundation.

Respectfully,



Amy Adams 00643-C

Steve Sisolak
Governor

Richard Whitley, MS
Director



DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Division of Child and Family Services

Helping people. It's who we are and what we do.



Ross Armstrong
Administrator

June 16, 2022

Lynette Gust, Board Member
White Pine Youth Center Inc.
1786 Great Basin Blvd.
Ely, Nevada 89301

RE: Temporary Safe House Project

Ms. Gust,

This letter is written in support of the project regarding temporary safe housing for residents in White Pine County. This project would be very beneficial to the youth, families, and residents of White Pine County. This housing can be used to support participants in the Seventh Judicial Drug Court Program who are looking for permanent housing and prevent them from continuing associating with those who are still actively using substances which puts their own sobriety at risk. Additionally, this housing could be used for those who temporarily need housing when they are leaving relationships that have been violent and put themselves and their children at risk.

As a part of the Division of Child and Family Services, we could also see this housing be used for families to enable them to reunify with their children under an in home safety plan while they look for permanent housing. This housing could be a huge benefit in ensuring that the children of White Pine County can remain with their families while families remain safe and secure without having to leave everything they know to find housing somewhere else.

The Division of Child and Family Services is in full support of this project and look forward to its completion and the future benefits it will give families in our area. Thank you for your time regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

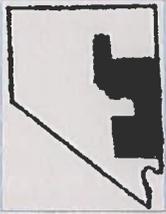
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Faye Cavender, LSW
Social Work Supervisor II
Division of Child and Family Services

Reviewed By:

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Brandy Holbrook, LSW
Social Services Manager
Division of Child and Family Services



Victim/Witness Services

c/o WPCSO
1785 Great Basin Blvd.
Ely, Nevada 89301

June 14, 2022

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Counties of
Eureka
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White Pine

Reservations of
Duckwater
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Ely Shoshone

Lynette Gust, Board Member
White Pine Youth Center, Inc
Ely, NV

RE: Temporary Safe Housing Project

Dear Ms. Gust:

On behalf of Victim Witness Services, I am writing you in support of the Temporary Safe Housing Project that you and your fellow Board members are considering.

As the only local criminal justice system advocate, I respond to about 240 new victims of violence every year in our program service area. Of these, 68% of the new cases involve domestic violence victims, both adults and children. Approximately 70% of the protection orders we assist with are about domestic violence.

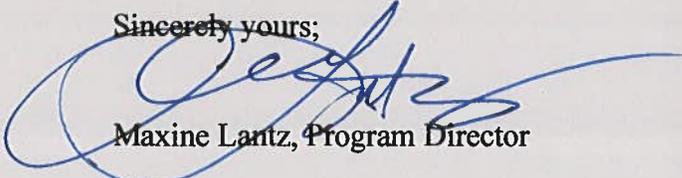
Often the abused adult, with or without children, is in need of leaving their home to avoid the abuser. If an arrest is made, the suspect is only held for 12 hours, and will most likely be released at the first appearance. The limited time has become a challenge to address the needs of the abused person(s).

In White Pine County, the nearest domestic crisis shelter is in Elko at the Committee Against Domestic Violence (CADV), 190 miles away. Coordination between CADV and our program takes more than 12 hours if the abused victims require transportation out of the County. Many victims are employed or have children in school. They frequently need a day or more to setup their own relocation. And, unfortunately, CADV and Victim Witness Services are understaffed. We need time to coordinate our efforts. Local motels are used, but are not safety secured to deal with violence.

The option for a local, temporary Safe House, allowing victims and advocates the time to set a safety plan into place is very important and needed.

Thank you for exploring this option, and hopefully achieving it.

Sincerely yours;



Maxine Lantz, Program Director



**Committee Against Domestic Violence
dba Harbor House**

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Toll Free: 1-888-738-9454
Office: (775) 738-6524
Fax: (775) 738-2976
PO Box 2531, Elko, NV 89803
www.elkoharborhouse.org**

June 17th, 2022

Dear Ms. Gust,

I am writing this letter not only as a show of support but also a need for the secured housing. CADV has an MOU with the Victim/Witness Service Program in White Pine County because of this we often share clients. CADV is the only emergency shelter for Elko, White Pine, and Eureka counties, that's over 30,000 sq feet for one agency to cover. As I am sure you know crisis has no time frame, therefore sometimes that can create difficulty in securing a victim's safety in the rural areas. The temporary safe housing project would allow law enforcement and advocates within your county to safely house a victim until transportation arrangements can be made for a CADV advocate to bring them into our shelter. Thank you.

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**Deana Utt
Executive Director
CADV**